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IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Before "FIELD OF THE INVENTION" at page 1, left-hand column, line 2, please add the following new paragraph and heading:

PRIORITY INFORMATION

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The present application is a continuation of Application Serial No. 09/835,917, filed April 13, 2001, (now abandoned) which was a reissue application of U.S. Patent No. 5,893,783.

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 3, left-hand column, line 32 as follows:

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An exhaust system is provided for routing the products of combustion within the combustion chambers 58 to a point external to the engine 22. In particular, an exhaust passage, or "runner" 90 leads from each combustion chamber to a passage 92. The remainder of the exhaust system is described in more detail below.

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 4, left-hand column, line 46 as follows:

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At the bottom of the engine 22, the passages 92 define connecting exhaust passages or conduits which extend to a generally horizontal exhaust passage portion 152. The generally horizontal exhaust passage portions 152 at least partially defined within the cylinder block 52 and corresponding to the exhaust system of each bank 55, 57 then merge and lead to the singular passage 124 through the exhaust guide 122. Thus, the passage portions 152 define first and second connecting passages or "branches" as well as a convergent portion merging the first and second branches so as to feed exhaust gasses from the first and second branches into the passage 124, as shown in Figure 6.